

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: Original
POSITION: Neutral

BILL NUMBER: AB 2443
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BILL SUMMARY: State Government: International Relations

This bill would require the state point of contact to provide copies of any formal position or comments of the executive branch on pending trade agreements to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative and the legislative committees assigned the responsibility for international trade issues within five working days.

FISCAL SUMMARY

No fiscal impact on the state.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is neutral on this bill because it would increase communication with the Legislature on international trade without delaying the executive branch's ability to provide comments or take positions on trade agreements.

Existing law recognizes the Governor as the primary state officer for representing California's interest in international affairs, and provides for a state point of contact to disseminate information from the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative to the appropriate state agencies and legislative committees, and work with the appropriate state agencies and legislative committees to review the impact of proposed trade agreement provisions on the state.

This bill would also require the state point of contact to provide copies of any formal position or comments of the executive branch on pending trade agreements to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative and the legislative committees assigned the responsibility for international trade issues within five working days.

Unlike prior legislation, most recently AB 1276 (Skinner), this bill would increase communication between the executive branch and Legislature but would not hamper the executive branch's ability to comment on trade agreements by requiring action by the Legislature prior to the executive branch submitting comments to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. In his veto message for AB 1276, the Governor stated "this bill places unnecessary hurdles on international trade and unnecessarily complicates processes."

SB 348 (Figueroa/2005), which contained provisions similar to AB 1276, was also vetoed.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP							Fund
	RV	98	FC	2009-2010	FC	2010-2011	FC	2011-2012	Code
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